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NSW in Focus - New

NSW IN FOCUS - NEW

An extensive array of useful and interesting statistics on the state of NSW can now be found in a new easy to use publication titled **NSW In Focus** (cat. no. 1338.1). This publication is organised into ten chapters providing an overview of current social, economic and environmental indicators for NSW. Each chapter represents a domain of activity and

consists of a summary table of time series indicators followed by more detailed statistics relating to key measures. In all, the publication has 155 tables of detailed statistics. It will be published annually with the first edition released on 10 June, 2005. The ABS invites comments on the usefulness of the content and indicators used. For further information contact Allan McLean on (02) 9268 4795, email: allan.mclean@abs.gov.au.

Free ABS Data on the Web

FREE ABS DATA ON THE WEB

As a result of the recent federal budget, the ABS received funding to provide publications free on the web. From 1 July, the range of free content on the ABS web site, previously limited to "Main Features" for most statistical releases, was expanded to include electronic publications (PDF and HTML based content). This includes all PDF and HTML publications currently available from AusStats and ABS@ (which is continuing), as well as new releases. In addition, electronic tables in spreadsheet or data-cube format which contain "publication tables" are also free. For further information contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, or email: client.services@abs.gov.au.

Statistics News NSW Goes Electronic

STATISTICS NEWS NSW GOES ELECTRONIC

From September 2005, **Statistics News NSW** will be produced in PDF format and disseminated by email. The new format will be printer-friendly for those who prefer to read our newsletter from a hard copy. If we do not have your email address on file an ABS NSW representative will contact you over the next three months to obtain this. If you do not have access to email or if you have any questions about the changes, contact Tanya Dart on (02) 9268 4651 or tanya.dart@abs.gov.au.

Crime and Justice Statistics National Information Development Plan

CRIME AND JUSTICE STATISTICS NATIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The **National Information Development Plan for Crime and Justice Statistics** (cat. no. 4520.0) has been developed as part of a collaborative approach by agencies with an interest in the field of crime and justice to improve the range, quality and availability of national crime and justice statistics. The Plan documents activities intended to further develop administrative and survey data collections and to provide more detailed information about offenders, victims and criminal incidents. For further information, email crime.justice@abs.gov.au or contact Terry Byrnes on (03) 9615 7681.

Children and Youth National Information Development Plan

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NATIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The National Children and Youth Statistics Unit of the ABS is producing a children and youth Information Development Plan (IDP). The IDP will identify data development priorities and provide a plan to address them collaboratively with key stakeholders. Three information papers covering background work for the IDP are already available on the ABS web site:

- **Information Paper: Key Issues Relating to Children and Youth** (cat. no. 4908.0);
- **Information Paper: Children and Youth Information Development Plan - Project Plan** (cat. no. 4909.0);
- **Information Paper: Field of Children and Youth Statistics** (cat. no. 4910.0).

A draft IDP will be available for comment in November 2005 and the final IDP in the first half of 2006. For more information contact Lesley Martin on (08) 9360 5320, email: lesley.martin@abs.gov.au.

CPI - Introduction of the 15th Series in September 2005

CPI - INTRODUCTION OF THE 15TH SERIES IN SEPTEMBER 2005

The CPI measures the change over time in the total price of a fixed basket of goods and services acquired by household consumers. Approximately every five years, the basket of goods is updated to reflect changes in household spending patterns and the range of goods and services available. The quantities underlying the base period expenditures are then fixed over the life of the basket, with the expenditures being updated by the movements in the price relatives in each period. The new series will be introduced in September 2005. Details of the changes are contained in an appendix to the March quarter 2005 issue of **Consumer Price Index, Australia** (cat.no. 6401.0).

Experimental Estimates, Entries and Exits of Business Entities

EXPERIMENTAL ESTIMATES, ENTRIES AND EXITS OF BUSINESS ENTITIES

Experimental Estimates, Entries and Exits of Business Entities, Australia (cat. no. 8160.0.55.001) was released on 23 June 2005. This new publication presents experimental estimates of entries and exits of Business Entities, sourced from Australian Business Register, over three years from July 2001 to June 2004. The publication summarises the

inflow and outflow of business entities from the Australian economy, including numbers of entries and exits and survivals (of entries); and entry, exit and survival rates. As this series is experimental, users comparing data from this publication with other ABS data should do so with care. For further information contact Murray Klee on (02) 6252 5452, email murray.klee@abs.gov.au.

Australian Social Trends

AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS

The twelfth edition of **Australian Social Trends, 2004** (cat. no. 4102.0) is due for release in July 2005. It contains 25 articles presenting statistical analysis and commentary on a wide range of current social issues including: population, family and community, health, education and training, work, economic resources, and housing. Each chapter is supported by a set of social indicator tables providing an overview of social change over the past decade, and a snapshot of differences across Australian states and territories. Full copies of all articles that have appeared in *Australian Social Trends* are available on the ABS web site. For more information contact Joanne Hillermann on (02) 6252 7187, email: joanne.hillermann@abs.gov.au.

Year Book Australia 2005

YEAR BOOK AUSTRALIA 2005

The **Year Book Australia, 2005** (cat. no. 1301.0) is a comprehensive source of information about Australia. Now issued with CD, this issue is presented in one package as a special ABS centenary offer. Data are presented in tables and related explanatory text. The statistical coverage includes subjects such as population, labour, income and welfare, housing, health, education, crime and justice, culture and recreation, environment, agriculture, forestry and fishing, mining, energy, manufacturing, construction, service industries, tourism, transport, communications, science and technology, the financial system, government finance, prices, and national and international accounts.

Revision of the Australian Standard Classification of Cultural and Ethnic Groups

REVISION OF THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF CULTURAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS

The **Australian Standard Classification of Cultural and Ethnic Groups (ASCCEG)** (cat. no. 1249.0) has been revised to reflect changes since the first edition was published in 2000. The second edition of the classification contains 48 new categories, while six categories included in the first edition have been removed. The coding indexes have been updated accordingly. A correspondence table between the two editions is provided. The

second edition of ASCCEG is expected to be available on the ABS web site from 7 July, 2005. For further information, please contact Chris Kunz (02) 6252 7066, email: chris.kunz@abs.gov.au.

Revision of the Australian Standard Classification of Languages

REVISION OF THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF LANGUAGES

A second edition of the **Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL)** (cat. no. 1267.0) has been developed to reflect changes in Australia's language profile since the first edition was published in 1997. The second edition has a more comprehensive coverage of languages spoken in Australia than the first edition, particularly in regard to Australian Indigenous languages. It also includes some minor changes to the language groupings which improve the usefulness of the classification structure. A correspondence table between the two editions is provided. The second edition is expected to be available on the ABS website from mid-July 2005. For further information, please contact Rosa Gibbs email: rosa.gibbs@abs.gov.au, or telephone (02) 6252 7805.

Draft Mining Information Development Plan

DRAFT MINING INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A draft **Mining Information Development Plan** is being developed with the aim of identifying and addressing stakeholder information needs. The ABS will be seeking comments through meetings and written submissions on the draft from federal and state government agencies, and key mining industry organisations. For more information contact Eng Wong on (02) 6252 7238, email: eng.wong@abs.gov.au.

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SPREAD THE NEWS ELECTRONICALLY

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2. Go to the ABS Web site. Choose **News** from the menu bar, then go to **Newsletters**. You can access current and previous copies of **Statistics News NSW** (News > Newsletters >

Statistics News NSW), as well as many other ABS newsletters.

Selected Releases March to June 2005

SELECTED RELEASES MARCH TO JUNE 2005

To order ABS publications or enquire about release dates, please contact the
National Information & Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

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1205.0.55.001	Information Paper: Cause of Death Certification Australia
New	
1379.0.55.001	National Regional Profile, 1999 to 2003, Electronic delivery
1338.1 New	New South Wales in Focus, 2005
1383.0.55.1 New	Measures of Australia's Progress: Summary Indicators, 2005
3218.0	Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, 2003-04
4307.0.55.001	Apparent Consumption of Alcohol, Australia, 2003-04
4510.0	Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2004
4520.0 New	Information Paper: National Information Development Plan for Crime and Justice, 2005
4618.0	Water Use on Australian Farms, 2002-03
4908.0 New	Information Paper: Key Issues Relating to Children and Youth, 2005, Electronic delivery
4909.0 New	Information Paper: Children and Youth Information Development Plan - Project Plan, 2005, Electronic delivery
4910.0 New	Information Paper: Field of Children and Youth Statistics, 2005, Electronic delivery
6250.0	Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, November 2004
6306.0	Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2004
6308.0	Information Paper: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Changes to Time Series Spreadsheets
6429.0	Producer and International Trade Price Indexes: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005
8127.0	Characteristics of Small Business, Australia, 2004
8129.0	Business Use of Information Technology, 2003-04
8560.0	Museums, Australia
8561.0	Public Libraries, Australia, 2003-04
8655.0	Cafes and Restaurants Industry, Australia, 2003-04
8691.0	Tourism Marketing Expenditure, Australia, 2003-04, Electronic delivery

Selected Expected Releases July and August 2005

SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES JULY AND AUGUST 2005

ABS Catalogue No.

1249.0	Australian Standard Classification of Cultural and Ethnic Groups (ASCCEG), 2005-06
1266.0	Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups, 2005-06
1267.0	Australian Standard Classification of Languages, 2005-06
1380.0.55.002	Perspectives on Regional Australia: Sources of Income, 2000-01
New	Australian Social Trends, 2005
4102.0	Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2003-04
4183.0	Private Hospitals, Australia, 2003-04
4390.0	Agriculture, Australia, 2002-03
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8695.0	

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